



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Richard K. Bolen Atty. Docket No. 072395.00003
Serial No.: 09/ 954,771 Group Art Unit: 3651
Filed: September 18, 2001 Examiner: Gerald A. Anderson
Invention: "SECURE MERCHANDISE VENDING MACHINE"

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by two months to September 23, 2003. Applicants have included a check in the amount of \$205.00 to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1794.

Please amend the application as follows:

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